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1. SUDANESE DECISION SEVER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH LIBYA, HALT AIR TRAFFIC, AND TERMINATE JOINT ECONOMIC PROJECTS IS LEAD STORY IN CAIRO NEWSPAPERS JULY 7. ARTICLES CITE SUDANESE RADIO BROADCASTS OF INTERVIEWS WITH MERCENARIES WHO REPORTEDLY SAID THEY HAD BEEN TRAINED IN LIBYA AND BROUGHT BY TRUCK TO SUDAN. TWO OF "MERCENARIES" MENTIONED

NAMES OF FORMER POLITICANS, INCLUDING AL-SHARIF AL-HINDI OF DEFUNCT DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTY.

2. CLARIFYING REPORT CITED IN REFTTEL, ASST SYG NOFAL HAS ANNOUNCED FROM ARAB LEAGUE THAT SUDAN DID NOT ASK FOR AL COUNCIL MEETING ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIBYA BUT ONLY REQUESTED SYG EXPLAIN DIMENSIONS OF "LIBYAN CONSPIRACY

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AND TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT REPETITION OF SUCH "FLAGRANT PLOTS." NEWS AGENCY REPORTS ARE CITED TO EFFECT THAT SUDAN HAS CANCELLED ITS REQUEST FOR UNSC SESSION TO DISCUSS ACCUSATIONS AGAINST LIBYA. "INFORMED SOURCES AT UN" SAID THIS ISSUE IS CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED BY SPECIAL MEETING OF ARAB GROUP AT UN UNDER CHARIMANSHIP OF QATAR.

3. IN EGYPT, MUHAYSHI, DESCRIBED AS SYG OF LIBYAN NATIONALIST RALLY, HAS REPORTEDLY CALLED ON ARAB NATION TO BE ALERT TO QADHAFI'S EFFORTS CHANGE LIBYA INTO ANOTHER ISRAEL. HE DENOUNCED "TREACHEROUS PLOT" AGAINST SUDANESE PEOPLE, WHICH HE CALLED "NEW EVIDENCE OF DANGEROUS AND SHAMEFUL ROLE PLAYED BY QADHAFI."

4. ALL LEAD EDITORIALS JULY 7 DENOUNCE QADHAFI AND HIS EFFORT "BRING MERCENARIES BACK INTO VOGUE." "HE PLUNDERS LIBYAN PEOPLE'S MONEY, LAVISHING IT ON HARIED ASSASSINS, WALLOWS IN BLOOD OF HIS KINDRED AND CO-RELIGIONISTS, WHILE HE LANGUISHES SAFELY IN HIS TENT" (AHRAM). QADHAFI IS CONSUMED WITH DESIRE FOR REVENGE, NOW THAT HE HAS ISOLATED HIMSELF FROM ARAB NATION AND LIBYAN PEOPLE. SUDAN AFFAIR WAS NOT COUP BUT AN OUTSIDE INVASION, INVOLVING WHOLESAL MURDER EVEN OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN (AKHBAR). GUMHURIYYA ASKS, AS AHRAM DID PREVIOUS DAY, FOR WHICH OUTSIDE (NON-ARAB) GOVERNMENT QADHAFI WORKS.

5. AHRAM REPORTS THAT HEAD OF EGYPTIAN RELATIONS OFFICE IN TRIPOLI SALAH AL-SA'DANI, WHO HAS DIPLOMATIC RANK OF MINISTER, IS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO CAIRO AND REPLACED BY AMBASSADOR MAHMUD AL-TUHAMI, PRESENTLY DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS AT MFA. ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF TRANSFERS SENIOR EGYPTIAN FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS IS EXPECTED MOMENTARILY, AND IT IS INTRIGUING, THEREFORE, THAT TUHAMI'S NEW POST HAS BEEN PUBLICIZED IN ADVANCE. IT IS ALSO NOTEWORTHY THAT A MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIAR IS TO BE REPLACED BY A CAREER AMBASSADOR. BIO DATA ON AUHAMI, AN EXPERIENCED DIPLOMATAT, EX-ARMY OFFICER AND A FINE GENTLEMAN, WILL BE SENT BY SEPTEL. EILTS

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